

CANCER PHALANGIUM.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Pedes octo (rarius sex aut decem); insuper manus duæ chelatae.

Palpi sex inæquales.

Oculi duo distantes, plurimis pedunculati; elongati, mobiles.

Mandibula crassa, cornea.

Labium triplex.

Cauda articulata, inermis.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 2963.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

CANCER corpore cordato tuberculato, rostro bifido, pedibus longissimis gracillimis pilosis.

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Penn. Brit. Zool. 4. p. 7. t. 9. f. 17.

Mira omnino et insolita est huic cancro membrorum longitudo et gracilitas; unde et nomen adeptus est; primo enim visu phalangii seu araneæ speciem potius quam cancerum putares. In oris Europæis generatur, eadem, ut plurimum, magnitudine quam ostendit tabula.

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THE
SLENDER-LEGGED CRAB.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Legs generally eight (in some species six or ten,) besides two claspers or chelated arms.

Feelers six, unequal.

Eyes two, generally distant, footstalked, moveable.

Tail articulated.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Small CRAB with heart-shaped tuberculated body, bifid snout, and very long slender hairy legs.

SLENDER-LEGGED CRAB.

Penn. Brit. Zool.

This curious species is distinguished from all others by the peculiar length and slenderness of its limbs, which give it at first view more the appearance of a Spider or a Phalangium than of a Crab. It is a native of the European coasts, and is generally of the size represented on the plate.